M E M O R A N D U M

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TO: JIM GARRISON, DISTRICT ATTORNEY

FROM: JAMES L. ALCOCK, ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY

RE: JAMES R. LEWALLEN

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On February 19, 1967, at about 1 P. M., Louis Ivon and I interviewed JAMES LEWALLEN. The interview took place in Ivon's office in the presence of GEORGE PIAZZA, Attorney at Law, who accompanied LEWALLEN. JAMES LEWALLEN is working for the Boeing Company, and at present is on loan to the Mississippi Test Site Center. He is residing at 4406 Paris Avenue with his mother.

JAMES LEWALLEN, who henceforth will be referred to as JL, is originally from Cleveland, Ohio. It is there that he first met DAVE FERRIE, who will henceforth be identified by the initials DF. JL met DF at the Municipal Airport in Cleveland, Ohio, sometime in January, 1948. At this time, DF was an instructor at a Benedictine Catholic high school. Also at this time DF owned a Stinson 150 Voyager and was training student pilots on weekends. As JL recalls, DF's father was an attorney.

In May, 1953, JL came to New Orleans from Tulsa, Oklahoma. At this time, DF was in the city and had corresponded with JL. Upon his arrival in the city, JL moved into an apartment on Clay Street in Kenner, Louisiana, with DF and ROY R. BURGER and JOE D'ANTONIO. The latter two individuals are presently employed by Eastern Airlines. JL also said that DF had brought a Stinson 150 from Cleveland to New Orleans. JL, at this time, was employed by Eastern as a ramp agent.

In December, 1954, JL moved from DF's apartment to an address on Jade Street. In May, 1955, JL went on Air Cadet training until October, 1956. Upon his return to New Orleans, he lived on Phospher in Metairie, Louisiana, and worked for Avis Rent-A-Car. In June, 1957, JL moved to an address on Madison Street in the French Quarter of this city and roomed with a man by the name of BRUCE EDWARDS. Sometime early in 1958 JL moved to 1309 Dauphine Street in this city. It is at this time that JL met CLAY SHAW. The meeting was very casual and consisted principally of neighborly greetings when the two met near their apartments. In November, 1958, JL went on active duty with the Air Force until May, 1959. Upon his return from active duty, JL resided at 6222 Vermillion Boulevard in this city with WILLIAM MUNSON and his family. MUNSON and JL purchased a Republic Seabee Aircraft which they were going to refurbish and sell. In December, 1959, JL moved to 1501 Westbrook with his sister. This address is in the Parkchester Apartments. Sometime in 1960, JL moved back to 1309 Dauphine Street where he resided until the spring of 1964. During this time, JL was employed at various jobs including that of driving a cab, working for Avis Rent-A-Car, and National Rent-A-Car. Also, during this time, JL recalls having been invited to CLAY SHAW's apartment for a drink. The only persons present on this occasion were

CLAY SHAW, himself, and CLAY SHAW's maid. JL has never seen CLAY SHAW with DF nor has he ever heard CLAY SHAW or DF refer to the other in any conversation. During this time JL saw DF in his words "infrequently". JL cannot recall DF mentioning anything about the Cuban situation or his feelings thereon. During this period JL met MORRIS BROWNLEE at DF's house. He also met either at DF's house or the airport and through DF the following people:

MELVIN COFFEY
LAYTON MARTENS
AL BEAUBOUEF
GUY BANISTER
THOMAS COMPTON
RICHARD MARSHAL
ERIC CROCHET

JL met and introduced DANTE MARACHINI to DF. DANTE was born in Brooklyn, New York, and resided there until he was about four years old. At that time his father took the family back to Italy where he remained until he was approximately 27 years of age. During the second World War he was confined to a prison camp. DANTE now resides on Music Street with his wife and three sons. DANTE's wife is from El Salvador, San Salvador. Their telephone number is 282-0475. JL at one time introduced DANTE to CLAY SHAW. DANTE is presently employed by the Chrysler Corporation at the Michoud Plant.

JL recalls that in the summer of 1963 he was working for the National Car Rental Company, and that he introduced his supervisor, LARRY STOULIG, to CLAY SHAW at the International Trade Mart. This meeting was arranged by JL for the purpose of National's establishing a phone outlet at the International Trade Mart. This and perhaps one other occasion are the only times that JL recalls being in the vicinity of the Trade Mart. JL was unable to identify the photographs of the following people:

ROBERTO FERRER
ROBERTO GOMEZ CORTEZ
MIGUEL CRUZ
CELSO HERNANDEZ
MIGUEL TORRES
EMILIO SANTANA
CARLOS BRINGUIER
SERGIO ARCACHA
HOWARD B. COHEN
THOMAS CLARK
CARLOS ORDONEZ

JL recalls an incident in the spring of 1962 where he saw a Latin type and DF standing by DF's airplane at the New Orleans Airport. As he recalls it, DF and the Latin had just landed. He was introduced to the Latin but did not engage in any conversation with him. He recalls the Latin spoke a few words of English but not having engaged in a lengthy conversation with him is unable to say how well he spoke English. The Latin was of olive complexion about 5 feet 7 inches tall with a stocky built appearing to be about 25 years of age. He had black hair

and was wearing casual attire. This is the only time that he can recall seeing DF with any Latin or Spanish type.

About two or three days after the assasination, DF called JL and asked him to come to his apartment on Louisiana Avenue Parkway. DF wanted JL to help him look for any pictures or memoranda relating to Lee Harvey Oswald. At this time there were two FBI agents in DF's apartment. They spoke briefly to JL in his car about his association with DF. The interview was general and neither agent took any notes. JL and DF were unable to find any pictures or written memoranda which would place Lee Harvey Oswald in DF's C.A.P. unit. JL says that he has not seen or spoken to DF in about six months to a year. They had a falling-out over the use of an Ercoupe Airplane owned by JL and WILLIAM MUNSON. DF had flown this plane which has a range of about 400 miles at night against the wishes of JL and WILLIAM MUNSON. This flight took place sometime in 1965.

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